SOC. ANTIQVA. LOND.

By the King.

A Proclamation againſt the vttering of light Spaniſh Siluer Coine.

WHereas the Spaniſh Siluer Moneyes (which heretofore were good and of full Waight, and went in payments by toleration without preiudice, or rather to the benefite of Trade within this Realme,) are now of late in a maner generally ſo clipped and impaired, That in the payment thereof, the loſſe is moſt commonly (to the Receiuer) no leſſe then a full third part; And whereas there is dayly brought from forraine Countreis into diuers parts of this Kingdome, an exceeding great quantitie of the ſaid light Spaniſh Moneyes, by reaſon that the gaine thereupon is ſo exceſſiue; Which Moneyes (being here mixed amongſt his Maieſties proper Coyne,) are paſſed away at the very full value that they were to beare, if they were not defectiue as aforeſaid: which abuſe doeth ſo farre impouerish the Receiuers, (being, for the moſt part, of the poorer ſort,) and doeth breed ſuch a generall contention, and diſturbance betwixt the Buyer and Seller, and the Creditour and Debtour, as (if the ſame ſhould be long endured) it would breed an intollerable inconuenience. His Maieſtie therefore being ſenſible of the leaſt grieuance of his louing Subiects, much more of a caſe ſo much concerning their good, and his owne Honour, Doeth by theſe preſents ſtraitly forbid and prohibite, that any Spaniſh Moneyes of Siluer that are clipped, or otherwiſe abated of their true and originall Values, ſhall be vttered and payed, or accepted and receiued by way of payment within any his Maieſties Dominions, vpon paine of Fine, and impriſonment to be inflicted and adiudged by his Highneſſe Court of Star-chamber, or otherwiſe by courſe of Law. And doeth further command, That ſuch defectiue Spaniſh Moneys be with all conuenient expedition brought into his Highneſſe Mint in the Tower of London, to be coyned of new into currant Moneyes of this Realme, where the Owners ſhall receiue preſent payment for the ſame, according to their true waight and values in Bullion.

Giuen at our Palace of Weſtminſter the twentieth day of May, in the eleuenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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